



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the Application of:

NISHIO, Yoji et al.

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For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING SEALED CONTAINER AND BLANK FOR
SEALED CONTAINER

RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: October 7, 2003

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of September 8, 2003, requiring restriction between alleged inventions under the provisions of 35 USC § 121.

In the Action, the examiner made a restriction requirement between the inventions of **Group I** drawn to a process for producing a sealed container (claims 1-3); and **Group II** drawn to a container (claims 4-8).

Applicants hereby provisionally elect **Group II, that is, claims 4-8**, for examination on the merits in this application. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Favorable consideration of the subject application is respectfully requested.

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OA dated 9/8/03
Resp. dated 10/7/03

In the event this paper is not timely filed, the undersigned hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2340, along with any other additional fees which may be required with respect to this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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